

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-107-W/S

IN RE:

Application of United Utility Companies,
Inc. for adjustment of rates and charges
and modifications to certain terms
and conditions for the provision of
water and sewer service.

**PRE-FILED DIRECT TESTIMONY
OF LARRY BARNWELL**

15 Q. Please state your name and place of employment.

16 A. **My name is Larry Barnwell, North Greenville University.**

17 Q. What is your current position of employment?

18 A. **My title is Director of College Properties.**

19 Q. How long have you been employed with North Greenville University?

20 A. **I have been employed at North Greenville for 13 years.**

21 Q. How long have you been the Director of College Properties for North Greenville
22 University?

23 A. **I have been in my position as Director of College Properties for 3 years and prior
24 to that assistant to the Director of College Properties for 9 years.**

25 Q. Please describe your educational and professional background.

26 A. **I have a high school diploma, attended district one vocational school, courses in
27 electrical, heating, cooling and mechanic and construction.**

28 Q. Please describe your duties as the Director of College Properties.

29 A. **I oversee 25 employees, responsible for all upkeep of college property and
30 ongoing construction.**

1 Q. Are you familiar with United Utility Companies, Inc.'s operation of the wastewater
2 treatment facility located on the campus of North Greenville University?

3 **A. I am familiar with the waste water treatment facility located on the property of**
4 **North Greenville University. This million dollar plant was given to the United Utilities in**
5 **2001.**

6 Q. Can North Greenville University's wastewater be measured on a per thousand gallon
7 basis?

8 **A. Yes.**

9 Q. If possible, please describe the effect of United Utility's proposed rate increase using a
10 per thousand gallon assessment as opposed to a Single Family Equivalent ("SFE") criterion.

11 **A. I feel like if we do it by gallon, which most communities do, the University will**
12 **receive a more accurate rate.**

13 Q. What is the current student population at North Greenville University?

14 **A. The student population for North Greenville University on average is 1650.**

15 Q. How many of these students live on campus?

16 **A. The number of students that live on campus is approximately 1100.**

17 Q. How many faculty and staff members does North Greenville University currently
18 employ?

19 **A. North Greenville University employs 300 faculty and staff.**

20 Q. How many faculty and staff members live on campus?

21 **A. The number of faculty and staff that live on campus is 7.**

22 Q. Approximately how many meals are served per month on the campus of North Greenville
23 University?

1 **A. The number of meals served per month on campus is three meals per day, 30 days a**
2 **month. This equals 3,300 meals per day for students living on campus, plus an additional**
3 **550 commuter students, plus faculty, staff and guests.**

4 **Q. Overall, how will the proposed rate increases affect North Greenville University's**
5 **viability as a university, and how will the increase affect the University's future growth.**

6 **A. The overall rate increase would affect the cost of running the University which**
7 **would overall affect the ability to help students and programs on the University.**

8 **Q. Does this conclude your testimony?**

9 **A. Yes, it does**